

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Oaks Notes



Acorns on the Ground

The Season of Easter

I want to share with you this special poem that reminds us of the joy found in the season of Easter. We know Christ arose on Easter but we also know that the Christ is alive and with us every-day.

This poem speaks to us about the living Christ.



Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true communion and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

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Because Christ Lives

A troubled world can find
Blessed reassurance
And enduring peace of mind...
For though we grow discouraged
In this world we're living in,
There is comfort just in knowing
God has triumphed over sin...
For our Saviour's Resurrection
Was God's way of telling men
That in Christ we are eternal
And in Him we live again...
And to know life is unending
And God's love is unending, too,
Makes our daily tasks and burdens
So much easier to do...
For the blessed Easter Story
Of Christ the living Lord,
Makes our earthly sorrow nothing
When compared with this reward.

By Helen Steiner Rice

May God grant you a blessed
Easter day and Season.

Randy Burke





OAKS CHRISTIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Smile Jesus Loves You! 	Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.	 Pastor Randy Burke's Phone #'s 832.729.1598 - Cell 713.983.0717 - Home		1 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary	2 Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Church Office Closed	3 Easter Week of Prayer Ends/Lent Ends <div>Albert and Carole Green</div> <div>Matthew Rasco</div>
4 Bread Sunday Easter Offering Easter Sunday <div>Wayne and Pam Cox</div>  Terry's Crafters	5	6 CWF - Service 10:00 a.m. Executive B. Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	7  Choir Rehearsal Hand Bells	8 Pastor's Bible Study 	9 Church Office Closed <div>Robert Dyes</div>	10 <div>Jennifer Salinas</div>
11 Board Mtg. After Worship Service <div>Joanne Staley</div> <div>Roy King</div>	12	13 PRAYER CIRCLE 9:30 a.m. CWF - Love Meals <div>Chris Lamb</div>	14  Choir Rehearsal Hand Bells <div>Michael and Lara Rasco</div>	15 Pastor's Bible Study 	16 Church Office Closed Galveston	17 Spring Begins Galveston <div>Katelyn Clawson</div>
18 Birthday Sunday  Terry's Crafters <div>Rita Brooks</div> <div>Zachary Smith</div>	19 <div>Christian Lamb</div>	20 CWF - Visitation- Meet at church at 11:00 a.m. for lunch. Visits begin at 1:00 p.m. <div>Deborah Bonner</div>	21  Choir Rehearsal Hand Bells	22 Pastor's Bible Study 	23 Church Office Closed	24
25 Earth Stewardship Sunday Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries Sunday	26 <div>Ruth Conover</div> <div>Kelly Saldivar</div>	27 CWF - General Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Covered Dish Linda Dalmasso and Carol Green Hostesses	28  Choir Rehearsal Hand Bells	29 Pastor's Bible Study  <div>Rosanne Henderson</div>	30 Church Office Closed	

If you have something for the calendar, or if we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.

FOR SALE

Oaks Church has two burial spaces for sale.
They are located at
Brookside Cemetery, Houston.
These are side by side space 3 and 4 in
"Masters Lawn".
Price is \$2,000 each. Negotiable.
Contact Homer Greene for more information at
832.237.3171.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye Women of the Church.....

Are you caught up in the coming of spring, knowing that there are a lot of things to do? Why not get refreshed first and come to Galveston on April 16 - 17. We will leave on Friday the 16th around 1:00 p.m. and return on Saturday the 17th after lunch. The cost of the room is \$34.50 (based on 8 to the room) plus your evening meal on Friday and lunch on Saturday. We are reserving a large suite, but can get extra rooms if needed. Please let Jimmie Saldivar know if you plan to go and get refreshed.

ALSO...

Trips planned on the Precinct Bus:
 May 25 - Tomball Tea Room and
 July 10 - Katy Orchard to pick strawberries.

For Your Information - Dorene Drake
Oaks Christian Church has contributed \$631.00 to the Week of Compassion this year. Thanks you for supporting this worthwhile area of our denomination.

The Nurturing Circle Updates

3/28/10 -Ruth Conover's Cousin, Terry is having a lumpectomy in California.

Do You Know --

This person was born and raised in South Carolina. She met and married her husband, Bert, in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. She has lived in Florida, South Carolina, Guam, and Texas. In 1953, the couple settled in Houston, Texas. They found Oaks Christian Church in the year of 1973 and she's been here ever since. They had two sons. The youngest son, Jimmie, was called home to the Lord at the age of 21. Her other son, Buddy, lives in Huntsville, Texas with his wife, Maureen. Bert went home to the Lord in 1990. Some say she knows everyone in the area. There isn't a place where she goes which she doesn't see someone she already knows. If you haven't guessed her name yet, it's Nita Aber. So, the next time you see her say, "Hi, I know you." And you will be added to the list of people she knows. —

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

February Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of February	Sunday School	Church Attendance
February 07, 2010	24	70
February 14, 2010	24	61
February 21, 2010	19	60
February 28, 2010	20	50
TOTALS	87	241

From the Treasurer - Bill Scantlin

Operating Account	December	January	February
Deposits	10,033.96	7,082.00	8,827.00
Disbursements	(14,768.87)	(10,266.99)	(13,300.67)
Difference	(4,734.91)	(3,184.99)	(4,473.67)

In February there was a transfer of \$1,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to cover Operating expenses.

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FOOD NEEDED FOR MANNA'S PANTRY

**For more information
Contact**

**Billie Murray
(281) 448-1667**

Items Needed:

Toothpaste, washing
powder, shampoo, de-
odorant, baby diapers,
sugar, flour and can
goods.

**Open Mon, Tues and
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –
11:30pm.**



Prayer Circle

Every Second Tuesday of the Month
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.

Everyone Welcome!

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With
thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.
Philippians 4:6*

Board Happenings - Albert Green, Board Chair -
Friendly Reminder: Executive Board Meeting for the
month of April will be Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 7:00
p.m. and the **General Board Meeting** will be Tuesday,
April 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you.

Photos with the Easter Bunny - March 27, 2010



Happy
Easter

Member's Article

What Does the Lord Require?

Scriptures tell us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8). Every day Disciples are praying to discern God's will for their lives. What does the Lord require of us?

One idea to consider is to create a legacy with your family finances that will continue ministry beyond your lifetime. You can establish a permanent fund during lifetime and create signed documents that provide for additions at the time of death.

What ministries do you love? You decide what ministries will receive an annual distribution from your permanent fund each year for all perpetuity. Once you have considered the ministries that you would like to benefit with a legacy gift, consult your professional advisors and a Christian Church Foundation representative for ideas on how choosing certain assets (especially tax-burdened assets like IRAs or 401(k)s) can increase the overall value of your estate. Changes to your plan can often be accomplished with simple beneficiary designation form changes, without the expense of revising the will or trust documents already in place. Permanent funds, such as those held in trust by the Christian Church Foundation, support the ministries of the donor's choosing. We hope you would consider a legacy gift that would support Oaks Christian Church in your plans.

To learn more about permanent funds through the Foundation, call (800) 668-8016.

*On Behalf of the Ray and Kathryn Weaver
Endowment Fund's Trustees*

Sitting in church the other day, as I was reciting the Lord's Prayer, I began to think what the words to the prayer really meant to me.

When I say, "**Our Father, which art in Heaven**" tells me I'm talking to my heavenly father, not my earthly father, or my paternal father. It is He who lives in Heaven with his son, Jesus will come to all who believes in Him.

"**Hallowed by thy name**" for his name is the most sacred. There is none other holier, than His name.

"**Thy kingdom come...**" And His kingdom "**Thy Will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.**" I have to remind myself, it is His will, not mine which will be done.

"**Give us this day, our daily bread...**" Here, I know I am not speaking of food for my body in the physical sense, but the spiritual bread which my soul needs.

"**...and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**" Here, I'm asking the Lord to forgive me for my sins I have committed because I have already forgiven those who had sinned against me.

"**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**" I am asking Him to guide my soul in His way and to protect me from the Devil and all things evil.

"**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**" I know the Lord's kingdom is the only kingdom I want. He is the Almighty and I will offer him glory for all my life, for as long as I may breathe.

Amen

I begin to wonder if anyone else really thinks what the words of this simple prayer really means as they recite it. I know we all were taught this prayer at an early age. Many have memorized it. The next time you recite the Lord's Prayer, pray on what each line is asking of the Lord, not just saying the words.

Written by, *Larry Scruggs*